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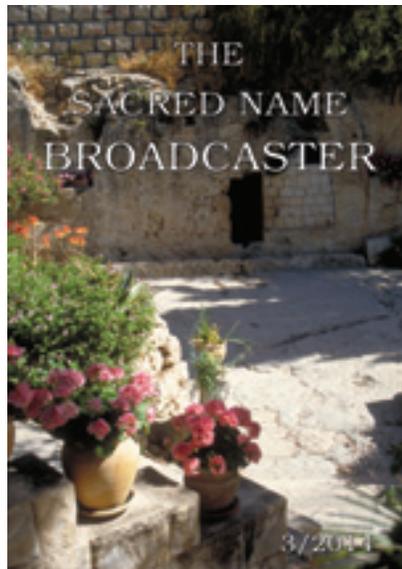
The weekly Sabbath heads the list of the holy days of Yahweh, yet how many keep the seventh-day Sabbath holy? How many observe the Passover Memorial each year? We must never lose sight of the fact that Almighty Yahweh has specified certain days on which the True Worshiper shall worship Him.

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This month's cover photo is of the Garden Tomb, a rolling stone tomb located a short distance from Golgotha—the place of the skull.

“Now in the place where he was impaled there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb in which was never man yet laid. There...they laid Yahshua.” (John 19:41-42b).

The sign of Jonah—that our Savior would be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights—was the only sign that Yahshua gave that He was the Messiah. If you believe in His resurrection, then why not believe in the only sign that He gave of His Messiahship?

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PART ONE

by Elder Jacob O. Meyer

It has been clearly proven throughout years of personal Bible study, that all of the doctrines of the Bible are interrelated. They form a mosaic that spans the sacred Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. If we minimize one doctrine, or emphasize more than Almighty Yahweh intended when He caused the book to be written, one will soon veer off the Narrow Pathway that leads to salvation. The end result of such deviation will be to find ourselves eventually in false doctrine and on the broad way that leads to destruction.

Such has been the case with some people we have known in the past. These people have rejected the sound guidance and counsel of Yahweh's Word and His ordained Elders. These misguided souls now arrogate to themselves positions of authority which Yahweh never gave to them. They have taken a tangent into false doctrine. False doctrine can be avoided by just asking a simple question, or two, and accepting the answers found in the Word. Yahweh has revealed knowledge and provided leadership in His True end-time Assembly. Those who go into false doctrine usually lose humility first. Humility is a great character trait that appears to be

very elusive for most people.

You must be willing to take biblical correction from the Elders of the Assemblies of Yahweh before accepting any doctrine that comes to you. Today, it's very easy to publish anything that comes into a person's head. The vanity press will publish almost anything if you have the money to pay for it. On the other hand, the Assemblies of Yahweh publishes only what is provable from the inspired sacred Scriptures.

Recently, an article came to my desk, titled, "Yahshua was Not an Angel." With this article, the author sought to misguide and overthrow the faith of the brethren of the Assemblies of Yahweh and to mislead young babes in the Messiah.

This article will introduce the subject, "The Angel of Yahweh."

Angels in the Bible

Perusing the **Strong's Concordance** references for the words *angel of Yahweh*, the term *angel of Yahweh* appears in the Bible some 70 times. The term *angel of Elohim* appears in the Bible about 15 times. Its frequency should impress upon us that this is an important subject. One can understand the relative importance of a subject when one

sees for himself the many times it is used.

The term *angel of Yahweh* sometimes refers to a specific angel. Sometimes it refers to angels by name: Michael, Gabriel, and, in some of the apocryphal literature, Raphael. **Strong's Concordance** confirms that several words translated *angel* trace to one root, #4397, *mal'ak*, meaning, *to dispatch as a deputy*. The Aramaic word has a similar connotation.

From some previous research into these terms, I believe that the word *mal'ak*, meaning *angel*, has the same root as the Hebrew word for work, which is *malalka*. The word *lak* represents the word *work*, according to the **Brown, Driver, and Briggs Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon**.

Actually, then, it means that if you are an ANGEL of Yahweh, you are a worker for Yahweh. So, consequently, the root meaning is *to dispatch as a deputy*, in other words, to do the work that you, yourself, cannot find time to do for some reason, or do not choose to do.

You have, therefore, dispatched a deputy to do the job for you. The Hebrew word means a *messenger, specifically of Yahweh or Elohim*, in other words, an angel. It also has the secondary definition of a *prophet*, a

priest, a teacher. It has been translated in the **King James Bible of 1611**, as *ambassador, angel, king, or messenger*. Consequently, the word *mal'ak* means *an ambassador or a messenger, a deputy*.

Now there is one other word that appears in the **King James Version**, and it is #8136. It is found only in Psalm 68:17, where the word is *shin'an* and it means *to change, or repetition*, and it is translated only this one particular time as *angel*. You'll find it translated differently in **The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition**.

In Psalm 78:25, another word appears. We find it as #46, or #47, *'abbiyr*—defined as *mighty, spoken of Yahweh*. *'Abbiyr* is translated a number of different ways. *'Abbiyr*, or variations of the word, are rendered, *angel, bull, cheifest, mighty (one), stout or stout-hearted, strong or strong (one), or valiant*. But we only need to deal with one instance in Psalm 78:25, where it says *man did eat angels' food*. So man ate the grain of heaven, man ate angels' food. The root word of *'abbiyr* is #82 and means *to soar; translated to fly*.

In the Greek text the word is #32—*aggelos*, and it means *to bring tidings, a messenger, especially an 'angel,' by implication a pastor*. Most people think of a being with wings and a halo (or whatever) when confronted with the subject of angels. But James Strong makes an interesting observation, “by implication a pastor,” and the word is translated *angel or messenger*.

A second word appears in the KJV, which is *isaggelos*—#2465, and it means *like an angel, i.e., angelic*.

“And there come to him Sadducees, who say that there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying, Teacher, Moses wrote to us, If a man's brother die, and leave a wife behind him, and

leave no child, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed to his brother,” (Mark 12:18-19). This situation is termed *Levirate marriage* and is from the Hebrew word *yabam*, which means *brother-in-law*. The Sadducees had a problem, as we can see from the historical description, in that they were the ancient “now” generation. They wanted to live to please themselves, to live for the present, and live to satisfy their cravings. Therefore, they contended that no resurrection could be found anywhere in the Torah.

The Pharisees strongly believed in the resurrection; the Sadducees did not. This disagreement between these two dominant parties in Judaism caused a sharp division.

Yahshua joined no religious party, but He Himself founded the Apostolic Assemblies of Yahweh. Here it is reported that the Sadducees came to Yahshua to argue with Him in the hope that they could humiliate Him. They called Him Teacher and Rabbi.

“...Teacher, Moses wrote to us, that if a man's brother die, having a wife, and he is childless, his brother should take the wife, and raise up seed to his brother. There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died childless; and the second; and the third took her; and likewise the seven also left no children, and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection therefore whose wife of them shall she be? For the seven had her to wife. And Yahshua said to them, The sons of this world marry, and are given in marriage...” [where did you hear that term before? Yahshua relates that the Cain civilization was marrying and giving in marriage. You can find the record in Genesis 6. Yahshua calls them the sons of this world, implying that they are Cain's people. They are strictly motivated and dominated by the concept of living for the present. “Get what you can immediately, and spend it

on yourself.”] **“...but they that are accounted worthy to attain to that world (meaning the world, or age, to come), and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: for neither can they die any more: for they are equal to the angels; and are sons of Elohim, being sons of the resurrection,”** Luke 20:28-36.

So, consequently, Yahshua says of those who will attain to the resurrection of the dead, after they are resurrected there will be no marrying or giving in marriage. Marrying is a carnal act of this present world. Yahweh established it so that man, the species of homo sapiens, would be perpetuated, and men and women could work together. Yahshua, therefore, explains that, in the resurrection, our thoughts will turn from the physical toward the spiritual.

The difference between this world in which we are living now, and the world or Kingdom age to come, is that the coming age will be a spiritual time. The present is a physical time. Yahshua says our sons, **“are children of Elohim,”** meaning the children of the resurrection, But that the dead are raised, even Moses says in the place concerning the burning bush, where he called Yahweh the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob.

“Now he is not the Elohim of the dead (because his name means to live forever), but of the living: for all live to him. And certain of the scribes answering said, Teacher, you have well said. For they dared not any more ask him any question,” Luke 20:38-40. They knew that he had the true doctrines!

What does the word *angel* mean then? We read here in verse 36: **“...for neither can they die any more: for they are equal to the angels.”** Equal to the angels. This statement was made by Yahshua. He said in Hebrews 2:7 that man was created a little lower than the angels. At the present time, we must

be recognized as being human, created lower than the angels. After we have been resurrected, we shall reach an equality with the angels, and, actually, a superiority over certain of them (1 Corinthians 6:3).

The Jewish commentators recognized that there was a special angel mentioned in the Old Testament and they gave him a special Greek name. The Greek name is *Metatron*, and it means *the power behind the throne*.

There are two sources recommended if you want to check the meaning of the word *Metatron*. The **Jewish Encyclopedia** and the **Encyclopedia Judaica** have excellent articles on the subject. A photocopy will be sent to those who request it. Write to: Assemblies of Yahweh, PO Box C, Bethel, PA, 19507.

They have called this special angel *Metatron*, meaning *the power behind the throne of Yahweh*. What does the word *angel* mean? The Hebrew word *mal'ak* and the Greek word *aggelos* mean *a messenger; a representative, a deputy, a pastor, an ambassador, a king, or a ruler*. Yahshua said those who attained to the resurrection are equal to the angels, not above them, but they are equal to the angels. There is a significant meaning in that, as Yahshua Himself knew the Truth. Even the Sadducees replied to Him, "Teacher, you have well said." You caught us, you have correctly understood the Scriptures.

Our Creator

How much do you know about Yahshua the Messiah? What is He? Who is He? To lay the foundation for this series we should first go to John 1:1-18. Who did the actual creation? Who was He? Was he not a messenger, a representative, an ambassador, a pastor, a (vassal) king and a ruler? Every one of these definitions can be applied

to Yahshua the Messiah, and it has been applied to Him in the Scriptures. Therefore, every one of

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these definitions for the word *angel* does indeed apply to Him. John 1:1 begins: "***In the beginning was the Word*** [The term *word* in the Greek text is *logos*. The word *logos* stands for *the word spoken*, or it can even mean *the speaker behind the word*, Yahweh's Spokesman] ***and the Word was with Yahweh, and the Word was Elohim.***" We can find that the angels are called Elohim. See Psalm 8:5. We're going to get into that a little more deeply later on in this series. Yahshua was evidently assigned by Almighty Yahweh to be the messenger, the representative, the pastor, the ambassador, the Messianic king, and the ruler of this earth. He is called the Word, or the Spokesman. He existed in the beginning and was with Yahweh. He was a Mighty One. He was Elohim.

Therefore, in Genesis 1:1 the name Yahweh is not used, but Elohim comes through very, very clearly. "***The same was in the beginning with Yahweh,***" John 1:2. In the very beginning with Yahweh, says the Word. Now when was that beginning? Can you put a date upon when Yahshua the Messiah began to exist? What is the beginning? Yahweh the Father is the very beginning of all, and Yahshua was in the beginning with Yahweh. Therefore, this implication is to eternity!

"All things were made through

him; and without him was not anything made that has been made," John 1:3. Think about it—

who was the Creator? Was it not Yahshua who did the actual creating? It was the second member of the Elohim family who, in the Old Testament, used the Name Yahweh. He wasn't called Yahshua in the Old Testament, but He was called Yahweh, since He came as the representative of Almighty Yahweh and was granted the use of His Name.

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Preparing a People

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness could not master it," John 1:4-5. So in the Savior was life. He was the one who did the work of creating. He gave life to the animals, the plants, the trees, and, ultimately, to man by blowing into his nostrils the breath of life. And this life was in Him at the very beginning. He was granted the gift of life to create and bring into existence all things. He gave animation to man. Yahshua's light shone in the darkness, and the darkness could not overcome, or master, it, as the Greek expresses it.

"There came a man, sent from Yahweh, whose name was John [Yahanan in Hebrew was a cousin, or distant relative, of Yahshua], ***The same came for witness, of the light, that all might believe through him,***" John 1:6-7. John was the second EliYah. The third one was yet to come. The first appeared to Israel; the second one appeared to the Jews; the third one appears right now to the whole world and is turning the hearts of the fathers back to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers.

“He was not the light, but came that he might bear witness of the light. There was the true light, even the light which lights every man, coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not,” John 1:8-10. Will the world know EliYah the prophet in the last days? Will it know that from the Assemblies of Yahweh comes the true end-time herald of Yahweh’s Kingdom? In John the Baptist’s time, they spurned him, and Herod eventually killed him. What are they going to do with some of us? Yahshua was in the world, and the world was made through Him, but the world knew Him not.

“He came to his own, and they that were his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of Yahweh, even to them that believe on his name,” John 1:11-12. Where did we come across a statement like that before? Was it not in Luke 20, the passage that Yahshua the Messiah spoke to the Sadducees, that those who are equal to the angels after the resurrection, those who have attained to the resurrection of the dead are then known as Benai-Yahweh—sons, or children, of Yahweh.

What does believing on the Sacred Name really mean? Faith in the meaning of the Name Yahweh means eternal life, everlasting existence, to live forever, even to them that believe on His Name! Those who believe on the Name of Yahshua have the right to become the children of Yahweh. Think about it. Will you receive such a gift unless you use the correct, revealed, personal Name of Yahweh and His Son Yahshua the Messiah? The Bible says not!

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Children of Yahweh

“...Who were begotten, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Yahweh,” John 1:13. Begotten again—how does Almighty Yahweh reproduce Himself? Members of the human family reproduce themselves with the carnal act of sex. How does Yahweh reproduce Himself? He is not fleshly (carnal), but He wants to reproduce Himself. He places His Holy Spirit within His repentant people at baptism. Then, that Holy Spirit changes the person from a sinner into a saint, until he becomes like Yahshua, who is our example. And then, at the resurrection, those who remain faithful to the end are accepted into the Kingdom of Yahweh, and they become His children. That’s what your Bible says here! Those who believe on His Name have received the right to become the children of Yahweh. Those who recognize His authority and keep His commandments, obeying His Covenant, and accept the shed blood of Yahshua the Messiah, become His children. They were not begotten again physically—not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh (*flesh* in Latin is *carn*, or *caro*, and it means the same as the Hebrew word *basar*—*meat, flesh, carnal, fleshly*), nor of the will of man, but of Yahweh. Yahweh brings it to pass. They are regenerated to become a spiritual person, the person is begotten through the Holy Spirit.

The Logos

“And the Word [the Logos] became flesh....” John 1:14. Why? Logos is spirit. In a number of different passages, including the third chapter of John, we are instructed that Logos, Word, is spirit. The sixth chapter of John tells us, in verse 63, and several other places that the words of Yahweh and Yahshua are spirit.

The Word, the Logos, was spirit; then, at Yahweh’s command, it be-

came flesh. How did that happen? The second chapter of Philipians tells us. Turn to Philipians 2:5-6, where we read, ***“Have this mind in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahshua: who, existing in the form of Elohim [in the spirit realm of Logos], counted not the being on an equality with Yahweh a thing to be grasped....”*** People grasp for power rather than waiting to receive it. Yahshua did not grasp at Yahweh’s position. He never did that, but He always was humble and in complete, absolute submission to Yahweh’s constituted authority. I’m an organization man. You may have frequently heard me say that mankind needs a functioning organization, with everybody knowing his job to make things run methodically. But somebody has to do the directing. Somebody has to hand out the work orders for the day, or direct whatever has to happen.

Yahshua the Messiah was indeed humble. He existed in the form of Elohim. He did not count the being on an equal level, being in the spirit and having direct access to the Father, something that He should grasp at. He never thought to push Yahweh aside sometime in the future, like Satan tried to do. Instead, Yahshua emptied Himself of His power by becoming a servant. Right there you have the answer. Could you have a more humble birth than Yahshua had?

How did the Word become flesh? How did spirit become flesh? It emptied itself of the spirit energy and characteristics. The life was supernaturally implanted within the body of the virgin, so that it could be brought forth as a human being.

The word in Greek is *kenoo*, meaning *to empty out, to expel*. He emptied Himself of spirit, the spirit nature, voluntarily taking the form of a servant, to be made in the likeness of a human. This is very, very plain to me as I read it, and I hope that it is just as plain to you also. Paul’s inspired words should expel

any doubts from our minds that Yahshua was at one time a spirit Being. He was a spirit Being. "... **And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death, yes, the death of the torture stake. Therefore also Yahweh highly exalted him, and gave to him the name which is above every name,**" Philippians 2:8-9.

The Name which is above every name, Paul says. What Name is that? That's the Name of Yahweh. In the Old Testament, Yahshua used it because He was Yahweh's designated messenger, or representative. But He never grasped at that Name, or the authority it conveys. Being known as the Angel of Yahweh in the Old Testament, every time He was asked to tell them His Name, He never answered. "Why do you ask my Name?" He asked. "Don't even ask my Name," He implied.

So who was Yahshua then, that He could become our Savior? He is the one who made the Covenant with the ancient patriarchs and with Israel, and, therefore, the maker of that Covenant died instead of the people who had entered into the terms of the Covenant. He had to die for them because they had broken the terms of that Covenant.

Go back to John 1 again, and we want to complete the paragraph. **"And the Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth,"** John 1:14.

The Word became flesh and took up temporary residence, having emptied Himself of being spirit, having emptied Himself of being Elohim. He then took on the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men. The Word became flesh, with the same kind of weaknesses that a fleshly body will have, the same kind of deficiencies that all of us must battle. He tabernacled, dwelt for a while, temporarily, among the

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human race. The Apostles beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and Truth.

"John bears witness of him, and cries, saying, This was he of whom I said, He that comes after me has become before me: for he was before me," John 1:15. Why did John say something like that? Yahshua was six months younger than John, but John recognizes that Yahshua existed before John! And that's exactly what the Apostle John writes also. John the Baptist, the renowned immerser, bore witness of Him **"...and cries, saying, This was he of whom I said, He that comes after me has become before me, FOR HE WAS BEFORE ME."**

A Gift of Grace

"For of his fulness we all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Yahshua the Messiah," John 1:16-17.

You say to yourself, "Was there ever grace before New Testament times, before Yahshua died?" Certainly, there was grace in Genesis 3. From the start of the Old Testament, the first time men sinned they were given grace. Yahweh had promised to destroy them for sinning, to execute them, the minute they did. But He

didn't do that. The Son died instead. Yahweh's Word has remained faithful, but the instant men sinned they didn't die, they received grace. Consequently, Yahweh, back there in Genesis 3, killed animals and put those animal skins on Adam and Eve to cover their nakedness. Vegetable matter cannot atone for the sins of humankind. It had to be the blood of a dead animal as a substitute, finally to culminate in Yahshua the Messiah as the true antitype. Only blood will atone for sin, Hebrews 9:20-22.

Appearances of Angels

"No man has seen Yahweh at any time...." John 1:18. Believe it or not, this past week I heard about another false doctrine that's starting to make the rounds. Someone said, "Well, it says in John 1:18 that no man has seen Yahweh at any time, but how about a woman?" There's one major problem with that assertion. When you go back into the Greek, the word is #3762—masculine nominative—but it could also indicate the neuter, which would mean *no one or none*. The word *oudeis* actually means in the Greek *none*. So the sentence should be translated, **"no one has ever seen Yahweh."** That's what the Greek says.

Then who did the people in the Old Testament see? Exodus 24:9-11 says that the Elders, with the four priests and Levites, saw Elohim, and they ate and drank. If no one has ever at any time seen Yahweh, who did they see, and with whom did the 70 Elders eat lunch?

"... The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him," John 1:18. Yahshua Messiah, the only begotten Son of Yahweh, is now in the bosom of the Father, sitting at His right hand. When Yahshua the Messiah walked this earth, He declared the glory of Yahweh. But who declared Yahweh to ancient Israel? Who spoke to the Patriarchs and Prophets in

the Name of Yahweh?

The first time the term *angel of Yahweh* appears in the Bible is in Genesis 16:7. ***“And the angel of Yahweh found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. And he said, Hagar, Sarai’s handmaid, where did you come from? and where are you going? And she said, I am fleeing from the face of my mistress Sarai. And the angel of Yahweh said unto her, Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hands. And the angel of Yahweh said unto her, I will greatly multiply your seed, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. And the angel of Yahweh said unto her, Behold, you are with child, and shall bear a son: and shall call his name Ishmael; because Yahweh has heard your affliction,”*** Genesis 16:7-11.

The word *shema’* in Hebrew means *to hear*. This is the root of the name *Ishmael*, which means *El has heard*.

Now let’s look more carefully at what we have read. The Angel of Yahweh evidently knew her, having even seen her, as He was watching over Abraham’s family, speaking to Abraham. “Hagar,” he said, “You are Sarai’s handmaid. Where are you coming from? Where are you going? You are lost in the middle of the desert. What are you doing?” “I’m running away from my mistress,” replied Hagar. “What! You’re running away from your mistress?” insisted the Angel of Yahweh. “How can you be so impudent? Submit yourself to her authority. She is your superior. Go back and submit yourself, don’t be arrogant! I’m submitting myself to Yahweh the Father, because all must submit themselves to Yahweh’s authority.”

This passage hammers home

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the fact that authority in life is important. Don’t you think that someone who becomes disgruntled and frustrated, with his ambitions being thwarted, should be allowed to go and do as he pleases? Don’t you think he or she has the right to run away, leave, and go back to Egypt? Perhaps he wants to start his own religious organization, or whatever the case might be. Shouldn’t he or she be allowed to rebel against constituted authority if he wants to do so?

What did the Angel of Yahweh reply to Hagar? The implications are pretty strong! “Get back there to your mistress. She is your mistress. You, Hagar, even called her your superior. She stands above you as your superior. ‘I am fleeing from my mistress, Sarai,’ you say, why you even condemned yourself with your own words, Hagar. Get back there and submit yourself to her; she is your superior. If you obey, I’m going to bless you. I will take care of you. Yahweh has heard your affliction. Surely Sarai might be pressuring you right now, but go back there and obediently serve her. Accept what you consider to be ill treatment. There’s a reason for it.”

“And she called the name of Yahweh that spoke unto her; You are an El that sees: for she said, Have I even here looked after him that sees me?” Genesis 16:13. Think of that! “Have I even looked after him that sees me?” said Hagar. “Have I even gone the second mile to obey Yahweh who is watching over me? Have I truly even now faithfully submitted myself to Yahweh’s Will?” That’s what she means. The answer of course is obvious. It is no.

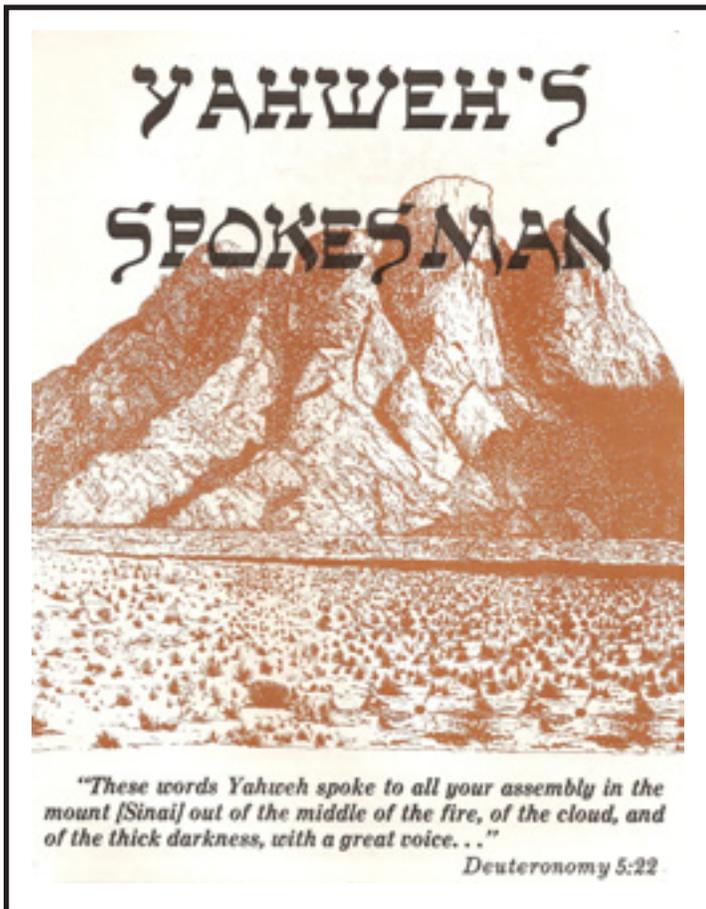
How many people have faithfully, obediently, and totally followed the instructions of Almighty Yahweh? How many people have accepted the instructions of Almighty Yahweh as His authoritative Word, Who is watching over us at all times? Don’t you think that Yahweh has something in store for you, and is trying to teach you much needed lessons,

just as He was trying to teach Hagar a lesson? Hagar needed to have a stern overseer. She was an Egyptian girl. She needed a strong hand to direct her. The Angel of Yahweh knew that. “Go back there, submit to that superior authority. Be happy, because you’ll produce a son. He himself will be a very productive, prolific individual. Why, you won’t be able to number your descendants because I am going to bless him.” The Angel of Yahweh said, ***“And he shall be as a wild ass among men; his hand shall be against every man, and every man’s hand against him; and he shall dwell over against all his brethren*** [or opposite the brethren]... ***You are an El that sees: for she said, Have I even here looked after him*** (Have I even done now what Yahweh truly wants? Why am I here? Have I done what Yahweh wishes?) ***that sees me? Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi,”*** Genesis 16:12-14. It means the *well of living after seeing*. At this place she was contacted by the Angel of Yahweh, and she realized her own sinful nature as she came into a direct confrontation with Yahweh.

Viewing Yahweh’s Messengers

Yahweh carefully watches over His people, but do His people always humbly want to do the Will of Yahweh?

In the 17th chapter of Genesis, the Angel of Yahweh is mentioned again. The account shows that Yahweh appeared to Abraham. Was that the Father who appeared? John 1:18 says, “No one (no man, no woman, no one) has ever seen Yahweh.” So, who appeared to Abraham? The term *appear*, which stands in the text, means that he saw something. At one time in my ministry, I had an ongoing discussion with someone over this same word. I said, “Lexicographically, we should understand that the word *ra’ah*, #7200 in **Strong’s Concordance**,



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from which root comes the word *roi*, represents actual sight." My worthy opponent contended that Abraham saw the Father in a vision. But, unlike Daniel where he saw the vision of the Father (Daniel 7:9-10), here Abraham literally saw someone. He saw Yahweh. Yahweh appeared to him by sight of eyes in physical form. He said unto Abraham, "I am El Shaddai, walk before me and be perfect."

Now, turn to the cross reference in Exodus chapter 6:3, "**...and I appeared [visually] to Abraham [visually], to Isaac [visually], and to Jacob, as El Shaddai [or by El Shaddai]; but by my name Yahweh I was not known to them.**" Did they ever hear the Name Yahweh? They surely did. But El Shaddai here represents the second Yahweh, the Angel of Yahweh. Do you want to see that plainly proven? Drop down to verse 22-23 of Genesis 17. "**And he left off talking with**

him, and Elohim went up from Abraham. And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as Elohim had said unto him." Now this theophany (I hesitate to use this term too frequently, because it means *an appearance of Theos!*) had to be the Angel of Yahweh, because it says, "**He left off talking with him and Elohim went up from Abraham.**"

Now compare also the 18th chapter, "**And Yahweh appeared unto him by the oaks of Mamre [Oh, you might object, it doesn't say anywhere that there were angels?] ...and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood over against him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them**

from the tent door, and bowed himself to the earth," Genesis 18:1-2.

No, this chapter doesn't include mention that they were angels, but Genesis 19:1 does. "**And the two angels...**" Which two angels? The two that departed from Abraham and the man that is called by the Name Yahweh (look how many times it calls Him Yahweh) appeared to him. And then, verse 13 continues: "**And Yahweh said unto Abraham...Is any thing too hard for Yahweh?...And the men rose up from there, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. And Yahweh said, Shall I hide from Abraham that which I do; since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children,**"

The one who knew Abraham, and visually manifested Himself by appearance, was none other than the only begotten Son of Yahweh!

Genesis 18:13-19.

Does that mean that Abraham was only receiving a vision under the trees of Mamre? Perhaps he saw a mirage in the heat of the day! No, here speaking to Abraham was a real personage. Three men were suddenly standing there a short distance away on the road, looking at Abraham's tent. Perhaps Abraham had pitched his tent up on the hillside, or down in the valley a short way from the road. He suddenly sees somebody standing there. "I wonder if that is Abraham's tent," they might be saying, as they looked toward Abraham's encampment. Abraham ran toward them and asked, "Who are you looking for? Come on in, I'll give you weary travelers some lunch." Consequently, it was not a mirage that came and sat down under the tent there. It was not a mirage that literally ate of the succulent calf and the butter (or the cottage cheese, or yogurt, or milk which they served). Nor was the unleavened bread that they ate a mirage. No, it wasn't a mirage. It was a visual manifestation of Yahweh's representatives. It was the second Being of the Elohim family who manifested Himself by sight to Abraham. To prove this, turn over to Genesis 19:24, where Yahweh's Word reads, "***Then Yahweh rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahweh out of heaven.***" There was apparently a Yahweh on earth, and a Yahweh in heaven at precisely the same time.

No one has ever seen Yahweh the Father, do you remember? Who then did they see? Who did Abraham and Sarai see? "***For I have known***

him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Yahweh, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Yahweh may bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him," Genesis 18-19. The One who knew Abraham, and visually manifested Himself by appearance, was none other than the only begotten Son of Yahweh!

You young children, don't ever fail to give heed to your parents! Your parents have a right to COMMAND you to keep the ways of Yahweh, to do righteousness and justice. Just as did Abraham, I have done with my family: I have commanded them to obey Yahweh. Then my hands are clean if they rebel and sin. Remember that your parents are given little lumps of clay to mold and the authority of Yahweh to do the job.

Well, here stood Yahweh speaking with Abraham, and He's saying, "I'm not going to hide anything from Abraham. Abraham is my earthly representative, so I'm going to tell him what I have been sent to do. Now Abraham, can you give evidence concerning what the character of Sodom and Gomorrah is really like?" Verse 20 continues, "***And Yahweh said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; ...And the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom*** [that is the other two angels. They are already well on their way to Sodom]: ***but Abraham stood yet before Yahweh,***" Genesis 18:22. Yahweh's representatives had a long way to go that evening to travel down from the Judean Ridge to arrive at Sodom before sundown.

I have been at that very place. I have seen just about where Abraham's tent was located. One can

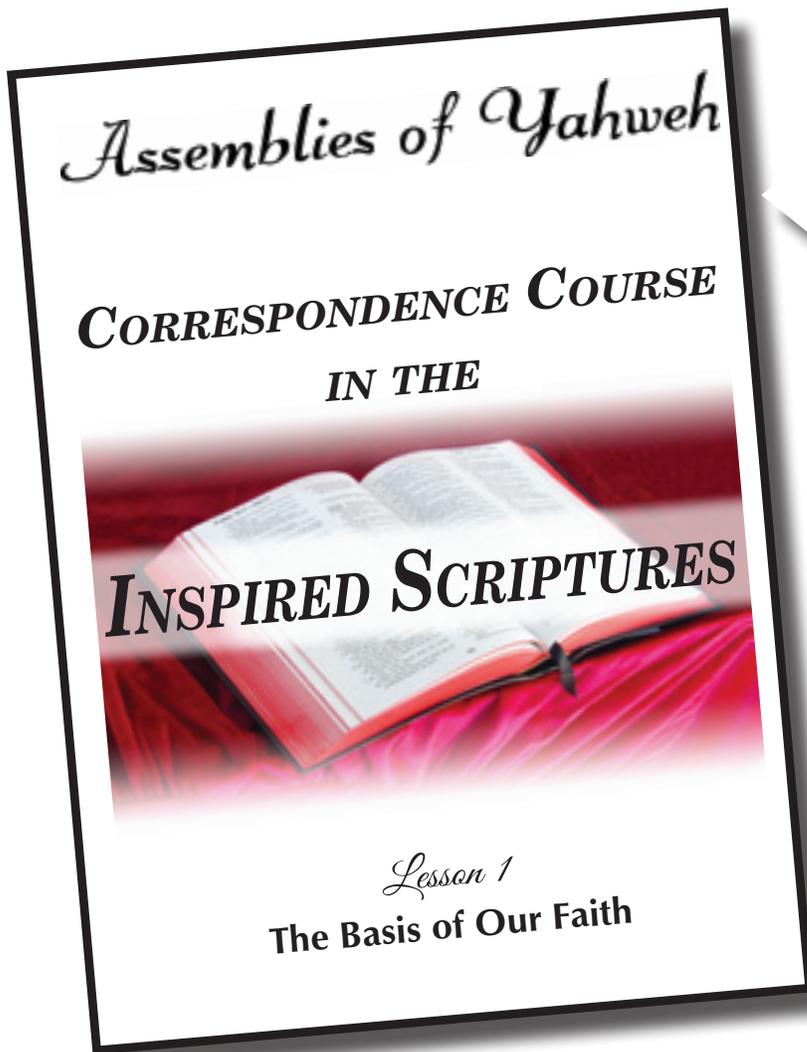
look way down through the valleys to the Dead Sea. These angels did not have wings on their heels or wings on their backs to fly away, as christianity depicts them. They were men, who would walk the distance down to Sodom. Yahweh had manifested Himself as a man, with two other men with Him.

"And Abraham drew near, and said, Will you also consume the righteous with the wicked? If there are fifty righteous within the city: will you consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are there? That be far from you to do after this manner [You're not that kind of a vindictive, unjust Being. Now I know that Yahweh is fair and impartial with His judgments. You will not destroy the righteous with the wicked, will you?], ***to slay the righteous with the wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked; that be far from you: shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?*** [Who is the Judge? All judgment has been given into the hands of the Son, hasn't it? See John 5:22.] ***And Yahweh said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake,***" Genesis 18:23-26.

"Wait a minute," thinks Abraham. "There may not be fifty now. Perhaps I used too high a figure. How about forty-five? Now if there are only forty-five, are you going to..." "No, for forty-five I'll let it stand." "How about forty?" "Well, for forty I'll let it stand." "How about thirty? How about twenty? How about ten?" Well, Yahweh will not even destroy it for ten. Here this angel of Yahweh is standing in the road talking frankly to Abraham. Read Genesis 18 and 19. Lot recognized the angels, and they

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blessed him. There were not even ten righteous people in Sodom, but Yahweh kept His Word. He removed them from the destruction and saved three.

Messages for Isaac and Jacob

In Genesis 22 we find the next instance where the Angel of Yahweh is mentioned, verse 11, **“And the angel of Yahweh called to him out of heaven....”** Abraham has set up the altar on Mount Moriah at Yahweh’s command. He took wood and put it in order on the altar. Then Abraham tied up his only legitimate son, Isaac, and placed him on the wood. Abraham took his knife in his hand and was ready to slit Isaac’s throat as a sacrifice because Yahweh had commanded him to do it as a test of his faith. But, just as Abraham began to move his hand, an angel grabbed it and said, “Wait a minute Abraham. Abraham, don’t lay your hand on the lad. I know now that you fear Elohim, and that anything I’ll tell you to do, you will surely obey. You won’t look back. You wholeheartedly trust in Yahweh.”

Up to this point what have we seen? The Angel of Yahweh appeared to Hagar in the 16th chapter of Genesis. He named her son “Elohim shall hear.” In the 17th chapter, the same concept appears. In the 22nd chapter, Yahweh’s title appears in verse 14. Abraham called the name of that place *“Yahweh Yireh.”* The word *yireh* is the imperfect form of the word *to see, ra’ah*, as we have previously seen.

Now as we have previously seen, the Angel of Yahweh appeared to Abraham, his family, and his household. To complete this installment, I would like to read a few verses from the 48th chapter of Genesis,

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beginning at verse 15. **“And he blessed Joseph, and said, The Elohim, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the Elohim who has fed me all my life long to this day, the angel who redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the middle of the earth,”** Genesis 48:15-16.

Did Jacob realize that he was in communication with an angel? That’s what he indicated, didn’t he? Jacob knew that he was not in communication with the Father Yahweh. He told his son Joseph that THE ANGEL who redeemed him from all evil will bless the lads, because he knew he was dealing with the messenger, the representative, the deputy, the pastor, the ambassador, the king, and the ruler of Almighty Yahweh—the second Yahweh, the One who became Yahshua the Messiah. The Angel redeemed Jacob from all evil. Remember, however, this Angel is called YAHWEH! Therefore, two different Beings bear the Name Yahweh in the Bible—the Father and the Son, who at that time was an Angel!

When I read over some of the superficial, shallow material that some people send around, I am frustrated that the faith of some people is overthrown.

Now turn to the 31st chapter of Genesis, and we’ll look more closely at a few incidents in Jacob’s life. **“And the angel of Elohim said to me in a dream, Jacob: And I said, Here I am. And he said, Lift up your eyes, and see, all the he-goats which leap upon the flock are ringstreaked, speckled, and grizzled: for I have seen all that Laban has done to you. I am the El of Beth-el** [Who is the El of Bethel? Jacob recognizes Him as THE ANGEL OF YAHWEH, THE ANGEL OF ELOHIM. And the ANGEL OF YAHWEH, the ANGEL OF ELOHIM replies. I am the El

of Beth-el.], **where you anointed the pillar; where you vowed a vow unto me: now arise, get out from this land, and return to the land of your birth. And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father’s house?”** Genesis 31:11-14. Now, I want to emphasize this strongly: Jacob identifies the Being who was the ANGEL OF ELOHIM. The Angel of Elohim says, **“I am the El of Bethel.”**

Let’s see exactly what the El of Bethel said. The El of Bethel is referred to in the 28th chapter of Genesis. Jacob had supplanted his brother Esau in getting the birthright blessing. And so Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob’s mother, instructed Jacob, “Go back to Laban, to Paddan-Aram, to the area of Aram, and live with our brother Laban, the son of Bethuel, my father, the Syrian (the brother of Rebekah). Go back there. Don’t take a wife of the local daughters of the Canaanites, but take a wife of the people of our own family. Somewhere you shall see a woman that attracts you. Marry within our own family.”

We emphasize to the young people in the Assemblies of Yahweh, that if they’re looking for a mate, don’t look outside of the family of Yahshua the Messiah, the family of Almighty Yahweh, the Assemblies of Yahweh, for a mate. Look within the Assemblies of Yahweh. Pray to Yahweh that He will lead you to a sincere mate. Pray that he will send you a loving mate, that He should select that one certain individual for you.

The El of Bethel

“And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and stayed there all night, because the sun was set; and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed,

and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of Elohim ascending and descending on it,” Genesis 28:10-12.

Some years ago, I preached a sermon titled, “The Gate To Heaven.” Where is the gate to heaven today? While traveling in the Holy Land the last several years, I carefully went over the area of Bethel, now called Beitin in Arabic. This was the area where Jacob actually saw this heavenly vision. We see symbology in Bethel, here in America where the Headquarters of the Assemblies of Yahweh is located, as being the gate to heaven, because it is the Headquarters of those who strive to be the One Body of the Messiah.

Jacob saw this staircase set up and the angels of Elohim ascending and descending from heaven. Obviously, many angels are servants to Almighty Yahweh, the Father. But, only one angel has been allowed to use His revealed, personal Name!

The only angel that ever comes in the Name of Yahweh, as we shall note throughout the entire Bible, is the one who ultimately became Yahshua. He is called the El of Bethel. He is called the Angel of Yahweh. *“And, behold, Yahweh stood above it, and said, I am Yahweh, the Elohim of Abraham your father, and the Elohim of Isaac: the land on which you lie, to you will I give it, and to your seed; And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.* [The same blessing which was bestowed upon Abraham.] *And, behold, I*

am with you, and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you again into this land; for I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken to you of. And Jacob awoke out of his sleep, and he said, Surely Yahweh is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid,

Bethel represents the gate of heaven. Yahweh has established a staircase, whereby the angels of Yahweh ascend and descend upon this place, meaning Yahweh has established communication between earth and heaven through Bethel.

and said, How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of Elohim, and this is the gate of heaven,” Genesis 28:13-17.

The modern configuration of the revival of the Apostolic Assembly is a prophetic fulfillment of these Old Testament types. Bethel represents the gate of heaven. Yahweh has established a staircase, whereby the angels of Yahweh ascend and descend upon this place, meaning Yahweh has established communication between earth and heaven through Bethel. There is no Assembly of Yahweh in Bethel in the Holy Land at this point; therefore, Bethel in Israel cannot serve as this modern-day type. *“And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of the city was called Luz at the first. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If Elohim will keep me, and will keep me in this way*

that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father’s house in peace; and Yahweh will be my Elohim: And this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be Elohim’s house: and of all that you shall give me I will surely give the tenth unto you,” Genesis 28:18-22.

Look again at what he said. “If you will be with me, if you’ll give me food to eat, and clothing to put on, then Yahweh will be my Elohim” Jacob tells Joseph in Genesis 48:16, *“...the angel who redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the middle of the earth.”* And chapter 31:11, 13: *“And the angel of Elohim said to me in a dream...I am the El of Beth-el, where you anointed the pillar, where you vowed a vow unto me: now arise, get out from this land, and return to the land of your birth.”*

Let us turn to chapter 32 and see what took place, *“And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of Elohim met him. And when Jacob said when he saw them, This is Elohim’s host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim* [two camps].” There is still a place across Jordan that memorializes where this incident occurred, and it’s called *Mahanaim*. Have you ever experienced the protection of angels?

Now drop down to verse 27, where we find the account of Jacob wrestling with an angel at the ford Yabbok. *“And he said unto him, What is your name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Your name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for you have striven with Elohim and with men, and*

have prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray you, your name. And he said, Why is it that you asked after my name?...” Genesis 32:27-29. The angel answered him, did He not? “Why do you want to know my name?” he implied. “You already know enough about me. I already introduced myself as Elohim.” He called the altar at Bethel, El-Bethel, in Genesis 33:20.

“And Jacob came in peace to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan-aram; and encamped before the city. And he bought a parcel of a ground, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem’s father, for a hundred pieces of money. And he erected there an altar, and called it El-Elohe-Israel,” Genesis 33:18-20.

Then in the 35th chapter, Elohim says. “Go to Bethel,” and he went to Bethel, and in verse 72 *“And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el: because there Elohim was revealed to him, when he fled from the face of his brother.”*

Now, I don’t know how much you have learned, but I can tell you that I have clearly proven that Yahweh has supernatural representatives, and that He uses them to communicate with men. Yahweh has designated one representative which is called in the sacred Scriptures, the Angel of Yahweh, or the Angel of Elohim. He is Yahweh’s deputy. He does the work for Yahweh. Yahweh makes the plans, but His Angel

carries them out. Yahweh is the draftsman and the engineer; but it is the One now called Yahshua the Messiah who does the field construction. He made this earth and all that is on it. The Angel of Yahweh is the One who always had contact with human beings. Yahweh the Father cannot look on sin, so this designated representative deals with human beings. This supernatural Being is recognized by the patriarchs as the Angel of Yahweh. He is also known as Elohim, just as we read in the first chapter of John.

I have already proven that the Angel of Yahweh is the One that Jacob called El Bethel, the Elohim of Bethel. He was Yahweh’s representative. He was Yahweh’s ambassador. He is Yahweh’s constituted King and Ruler. Where Yahweh cannot deal with sin and humans who practice it because He is so righteous, the Son does the actual Work for the Father. And may Yahweh bless you as we understand that magnificent subject and deal with it, because it is central to both Old and New Testaments. Conversely, if we do not understand this subject properly, we shall eventually renounce one of the most outstanding doctrines of the entire Bible, one that we must understand! This doctrine also bears heavily on the doctrine of the Messiah. The Jews did not recognize their Messiah. There was a reason for it. They did not recognize Him because they did not recognize Him in the Old Testament. We hope you will carefully read each segment and learn the deep things that the sacred Scriptures have to offer. **FIN**

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Thank you so much for your time and efforts in spreading Yahweh’s True purpose. I have truly learned so much and, for the first time in my life, I can honestly say that I have Truth in my spiritual journey! I am studying to show myself approved, and though I have so much to learn still, I can do battle on solid ground as I share in the knowledge of True Worship in our Heavenly Father’s Name.

— S.R., Virginia

...Yahweh has changed my life through your ministry. I would like to receive the **Sacred Name Broadcaster Magazine**. Yahweh has revealed so much to me about His commandments that I was raised to believe were irrelevant. I am happy He revealed a purpose in life to me. It is amazing what He reveals to us in desperate times. He is mighty and alive! Please send whatever literature you can. I will read it and pass it on for others to learn of the True Elohim Yahweh!

— B.M., Colorado

I just read the September issue of the **Sacred Name Broadcaster** and was very impressed with the articles. The article “Yahweh’s Spokesman” was an extremely thoughtful breakdown of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit relationship. Growing up in Judaism, this literature makes perfect sense to me, and I’m so glad that your ministry is being faithful to proclaim His Name.

— S.H., Florida



... *To me*, receiving and reading your magazine is very important, because it has changed my life. Thank you very much and may Yahweh bless you.

—R.C., Arizona

May Yahweh continue to shine His loving face upon the Assemblies of Yahweh and may He continue to guide you as you teach the Truth. I feel blessed every time I receive

Letters to Bethel

Greetings! It is my sincere hope that this letter reaches you in happiness and good health. I cannot express strongly enough how indebted I am to Yahweh, my Heavenly Father, for introducing me to such spiritual warriors as yourselves who stand so strongly for His Truth. I am in tears, even now, thinking about how only by Yahweh's grace was I pulled from the deception that has engulfed this world and have had my heart opened up by Yahweh to receive His Way. I am trying my best to use my time to learn as much as possible and to apply it to my daily life to the best of my ability. I can't begin to thank you enough for making all of this literature available. I know that I will thoroughly enjoy studying everything you have so graciously provided. Thank you again for all that you do!

— L.F., Florida

I have really been learning much more than I thought I would since I have started reading your magazine, **The Sacred Name Broadcaster**. I hope to learn much more. I would like to enroll in your Bible Study Course. Thanks so much!

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I am sending this note to you to thank you for the lessons in the Correspondence Course. I enjoy them and have learned a lot. I know there is a lot more to learn still. Thank you for all the hard work.

—D.N., Montana

Shalom! Just wanted to use this opportunity to thank you for your good work. The website has a beautiful look with rich information. May Yahweh bless you in Yahshua's Name.

— O.C., Nigeria

and complete a correspondence Course lesson. They are really an empowering opportunity.

— J.B., Illinois

Thank you so much for the literature I requested. I have read them, and I am doing an in-depth study on what you've revealed to me. I am so sure now that Father Yahweh has led me to find you. I have prayed and fasted so fervently that Yahweh and Yahshua would show me the path to these Truths, that they would show me all things that have deceived men in this age. The Assemblies of Yahweh is the answer to these prayers! I am requesting more of your literature to learn more of your teachings. Thank you, and I look forward with great anticipation to their arrival.

— J.M., Indiana



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Yahweh's Holy Days

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Do you know that you can actually read the entire Bible (both Old and New Testaments) and receive the very same message from both of these sections of the sacred Scriptures? The entire Bible throughout, from Genesis to Revelation, brings forth only one message on any given subject. In fact, the Bible interprets itself.

During the past millennia, the religion which is described in the Bible has been subjected to merciless treatment by the critical interpreters and commentators, until today, as it is taught, its message is practically unrecognizable as the Faith established by the Messiah. Fallacious man-made interpretations have resulted in obtaining vicious epithets against themselves for the people who are faithfully preaching the sound doctrines of the sacred Scriptures. These vicious epithets include such expressions as false prophet, confuser, cultist, heretic, non-conformist, dissenter, Judaizer, outside of mainstream religion, and such like. All this vituperation launched from ch-rchianity takes place with no regard to our Savior's own words in Matthew 4:4, "**...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.**" Again, we should point out that even this

passage comprises an actual quote from the **Hebrew Bible**, Deuteronomy 8:3, and is not Messiah's original or personal invention.

Now we arrive at a dilemma concerning the Bible. For the sincere student who is motivated by the earnest desire to gain eternal life, what shall he do? Modern theology would say, "*This passage must be interpreted against the light of ch-rch tradition.*" Modern worldly thinking would conclude that living by the Bible is simply impossible, since we must earn a livelihood. They say, "*To place ourselves under the authority of scriptural law would so inconvenience us to the point where we couldn't even hold a steady job.*" Acquaintances might say, "*Living by what the Bible directs is just being contrary, absurd, and fanatical in today's world.*" Could these objections be valid?

However, to those who desire eternal life, the obligation to our Heavenly Father comes first! When He commands, we reply, "*Yes, Father Yahweh, we will obey!*" We listen faithfully to the voice that speaks to us directly from the pages of the sacred Scriptures, and, for us, it becomes a LIVING BOOK, even a BOOK OF LIFE! We know that the Scriptures tell us that sin is the transgression of the Law (Leviticus

4 and 1 John 3:4) and that Yahweh, our Father in Heaven, gives His Spirit only to those who obey Him (Acts 5:32).

This series of radio messages concentrates our special attention upon the subject of the biblical annual holy days—the Feasts of Yahweh. These holy days, which are commanded in the inspired Scriptures, do not comprise the severe burdens with which organized religion has for so long depicted them. They are holy days which are promised to confer blessings upon us if we observe them in honor of our Heavenly Father, and a curse if we disobey. On many occasions, I have asked skeptical people if they would observe the Sabbath if I could show them a commandment in the New Testament that enjoins Sabbath keeping. Most people will acknowledge in the affirmative that they would, undoubtedly believing that such a passage cannot be found. The commandment, however, is there all right, reiterated almost verbatim from the Old Testament, but it has been so well-hidden by erroneous translations that only the diligent student will discover it.

It is found in Hebrews 4:9, "***There remains therefore a sabbath rest for the people of Yahweh.***" Many people miss this

commandment, because they do not study with the aid of a center-column reference Bible. The term which has been translated *rest* is *sabbatismos* in the Greek. It comes from the Hebrew word for Sabbath. Here is the translation from the Greek: "Therefore remains a keeping of a sabbath for the people of the Almighty." Most center-column reference Bibles present this correction (or variations of it) in the margin.

This New Testament commandment clearly indicates the importance of Sabbath observance, since it actually points us from the creation to the millennium. The keeping of the Sabbath points the people of this earth toward their Creator who made the physical heavens and earth, and who also is the Creator (or recreator) of the new spiritual man. It points us toward the True Creator of this universe, who will also create new heavens and a new (or renewed) earth out of the rubble which will be the ultimate destiny of this current Babylonish system of things. This reconstruction period of 1,000 years will be known as the Sabbath of Yahweh, called the SEVENTH THOUSAND-YEAR PERIOD OF TIME and known as the MILLENNIUM. It will be the time to restore all things in this creation to the potential for which this earth was originally created. The Sabbath, still today, constitutes a COMMANDED OBSERVANCE, because it points prophetically to fulfillments that are still future.

In Leviticus chapter 23, we find that Almighty Yahweh begins the

chapter that lists and explains His holy days for us by calling our attention to the observance of the weekly seventh-day Sabbath. We read in verses 2 and 3, "***Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, The set feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my set feasts. Six days shall work be done: but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no manner of work: it is a sabbath to Yahweh in all your dwellings.***"

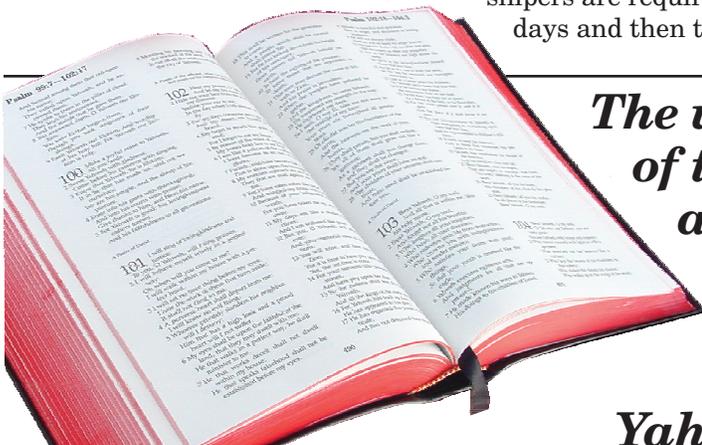
We must never lose sight of the fact that Almighty Yahweh has specified a certain day on which the True Worshiper shall rest each week. The weekly Sabbath heads the list of the holy days of Yahweh. It is a holy convocation, or sacred gathering together, with brethren of like-precious Faith to worship Almighty Yahweh and to study His Word. How much more necessary it is to worship on the specific day which our Heavenly Father recognizes, sanctifies, and sets apart for this purpose, rather than to place man-made interpretations on the Scriptures! KEEPING SUNDAY IS NEVER MANDATED OR SANCTIONED BY THE WORD OF YAHWEH.

The 23rd chapter of Leviticus continues in verse 4: "***These are the set feasts of Yahweh, even holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their appointed season.***" You surely noticed while reading that the Sabbath day was to be counted each week. True Worshipers are required to work for six days and then take a day of rest.

The following holy days listed in Leviticus chapter 23 are to be observed in their SEASONS, These holy days are regulated and established by the lunar months. This system is explained in the Bible. In Psalm 104:19, we read, "***He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knows his going down.***" The word which has been translated *seasons* is the Hebrew term *moedim* in both passages (Leviticus 23 and Psalm 104), and it means *set times* or *appointments*. The seasonal feasts of Yahweh are to be observed at certain specific times throughout the year. These festivals, which Yahweh has decreed, follow the seasonal agricultural cycles in the holy land. This seasonal agriculture cycle, spiritually speaking, symbolically portrays the human harvest of the earth.

In the fifth verse of Leviticus 23 we read, "***In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, is Yahweh's passover.***" The first month is specified in Deuteronomy 16:1 as the month named Abib. The term *Abib* in the Hebrew means *green ears*, or *spring*. See the term as #24 in the Hebrew dictionary of **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible**. This month corresponds to late March, or early April, on our modern calendar, when green heads of grain appear on the stalks of barley. (See the **Strong's** definition.)

In the book of Exodus, we encounter the first biblical reference to the Passover and how it was commanded and observed at the time when the children of Israel departed from Egypt. Much earlier



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there had occurred a severe famine in the land of Canaan. In search of food, Jacob sent some of his sons on a journey to purchase grain from the Egyptian government, reported to have plenty of grain available. One of Jacob's sons, who had long since been presumed dead, had been appointed food administrator (actually Prime Minister) after interpreting the Egyptian Pharaoh's dreams which had predicted seven plentiful years, followed by seven years of worldwide famine.

Since the famine was so severe, Jacob had finally moved his entire family (66 people) to Egypt at Joseph's urging (Joseph's family of four persons were already there), where they were granted refuge in the outlying province of Goshen. After about 400 years, Israel had grown numerically into a nation of more than two million population. As the Egyptians apprehensively watched Israel gaining rapidly in population, they decided to take strong measures in order to check Israel's growth and to ensure that

they would not overcome them.

Pharaoh decided first on the policy of infanticide, but when this approach did not appear to work, the Egyptians decided upon inaugurating a policy of slavery and forced labor. As Egypt tightened its severe economic control over Israel, the people of Israel began to cry out for help to the Almighty, pleading for Him to come to their rescue. Slavery is never anything pleasurable! The Father in Heaven soon raised up Moses and Aaron to lead Israel out of their bondage to the cruel worldly government in which they found themselves.

The first thing which the Almighty did was to reveal His True personal Name to Moses and, in turn, to Israel. He stated that this appellation was the same Name that had been revered by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This special sacred Name was the Name through which the patriarchs had entered into a Covenant with the Most High.

After informing Pharaoh that **Almighty Yahweh**, the **Mighty One of the Hebrews**, had sent them to lead His people from Egypt, Moses and Aaron proceeded to produce great signs and wonders to demonstrate the awesome power of Yahweh to Pharaoh and his court magicians. When these miracles were insufficient to influence the Egyptians to release Israel, Yahweh sent plagues of increasing severity upon Egypt. Nevertheless, as soon as the plague had ended, Pharaoh always reversed his decision, and he refused to allow Israel to depart from his domination.

Finally, Almighty Yahweh promised release to Israel in the form of the most severe plague of all. He would destroy all the firstborn of Egypt—both man and beast. To protect His people, Almighty Yahweh instructed Israel to take the blood of a little lamb and, with a sprig of hyssop, to splash the blood on the lintels and side doorposts of the houses in which they were living. Yahweh warned that those who would neglect to apply the blood to

the doorposts of their houses would suffer the same penalty of death to all the firstborn in their families and even their animals, as did the Egyptians. Yahweh declared that at midnight on a certain day (the 14th of Abib), the destroyer was appointed to pass over (exempt) the houses on which the blood is applied. But all who had not applied the blood would suffer the effects of this serious plague.

The reason for the term *Passover* is this omission of judgment upon Israel by the destroyer, meaning the passing over of the obedient Israelite households. The term in Hebrew is *Pesach*, and it means *omission or exemption*. It was a miraculous, selective event, in that only the firstborn of humans and animals in Egypt would die.

The following morning there was at least one dead person or animal in every residence throughout the households of Egypt, while, in Goshen, ISRAEL was joyfully beginning their march to the selected place of convocation for their united journey out of Egypt. Not one human, or even an animal, had been harmed in Israel. Conversely, desolation reigned in Egypt. Just suppose that Israel had not obeyed Yahweh! What if they had applied the blood on the wrong night? Strict obedience to the commandments of Yahweh was instrumental in releasing Israel from Egypt. Spiritually, strict obedience to the commandments of Yahweh will release you from the Egypt of sin in which you may find yourself today.

In the New Testament, we find that the Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, instituted renewed symbols for the observance of the Passover Memorial in its proper time during this era of grace. In Luke 22:15, Yahshua said, ***“And he said to them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer....”*** Then, in Luke 22:19 and 20 we read, ***“And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave to them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do***

in remembrance of me. And the cup in like manner after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, even that which is poured out for you."

Significantly, in 1 Corinthians 5, verses 6 to 8, there appears a direct command to observe the Passover in this Messianic era. Few people seem to know that this Scripture exists! Certainly, Christianity ignores this passage. We read, ***"Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For our Passover also has been sacrificed, even the Messiah: therefore let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."***

How plain this passage is! True Worshipers are to observe the Passover in this present age because the Messiah has come and has been sacrificed for us! In 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, the Apostle Paul again urges the Corinthian brethren to observe the renewed Passover Memorial supper for this New Cov-

enant and Testament era. He says in verse 26, ***"For as often as you eat this bread*** [the unleavened bread of the Passover season], ***and drink the cup, you proclaim the Master's death until he comes."*** You might ask yourself, how often do we remember an anniversary of someone's death? The Jews observe such remembrance of the death of a loved one—calling it *yahrzeit*—a year of time! The answer is simple—once a year! That is how often we remember the loss of a loved one or a renowned leader! And, since we observe the anniversary of our Savior's death, we do so at the very time He died, on Passover day each year. Furthermore, these symbols recall the release of Israel from Egypt at the Passover season.

The reason why so few people know this astounding Truth is that only a minority have ever thoroughly studied sources in the Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament, for what we find fulfilled later in the New Testament. Moreover, very few have compared and harmonized the message of the Old Testament with what appears in the New Testament.

The Bible even offers us the symbolic meaning about using unleavened bread. We read in

Matthew 16:6-7, also 11-12, ***"And Yahshua said to them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we took no bread.... How is it that you do not perceive that I spoke not to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Then understood they that he bid them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees."***

In Galatians 5:9, Paul writes, ***"A little leaven leavens the whole lump."*** Leaven in the Scriptures symbolizes an agent, which, if added to a substance, corrupts, breaks down, and puffs up. How plain that Yahshua indicates that it is false doctrine (teaching) which leads to sin and corruption! We are to purge out this false teaching, or doctrine, that we may become pure, a new lump in Messiah Yahshua.

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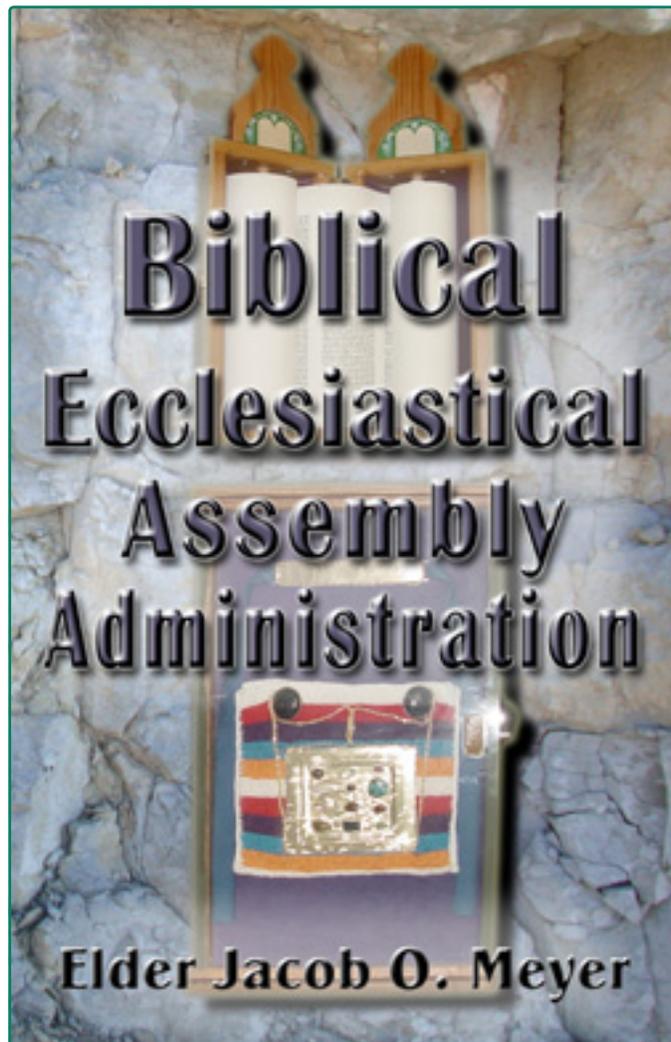
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